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UNEA-7 Farmer Major Group Closing Statement to be Included in the Civil Society Closing Joint Statement

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Here at UNEA-7, the Farmers Major Group has repeatedly expressed dissatisfaction and rising concerns that the needs of global Farmers are not being addressed through this diplomatic process. While governments negotiate resolutions on individual issues, some of the basic, fundamental needs of Farmers are largely ignored or addressed with words but not actions. The consequences of this negligence is clear: Children die of malnutrition; fields are abandoned from contamination; wells run dry for lack of investment in infrastructure; forest and desert biosystems collapse with invasive species invasions and catastrophic fires. The discussions go on, the destruction continues, but Farmers are demonstrating that they are the solution, not the problem. When farmers have just and affordable access to the “sustainable strategies and tools” in a dynamic and robust ‘toolbox’, they can perform, restore and build resilient landscapes at all scales. The success or failure of SDG achievement will rely on the progress or retreat of a vibrant and transformative agricultural endeavor. ( 160 words)

The Farmers Major Group insists that UNEA-7 confront a truth too long buried under diplomatic politeness: the global environmental crisis is being accelerated by an extractive economic model that treats land, labour, and rural communities as disposable. While governments negotiate resolutions on pollution, minerals, and metals, our fields are turning toxic, our water is being taken for mining, and our livelihoods are sacrificed to corporate supply chains that profit from destruction. We reject a UNEA that produces ambitious language but shields the very industries driving soil degradation, chemical contamination, and land grabs. Farmers who feed the world yet bear the heaviest costs demand a decisive shift: regulate corporate polluters, curb destructive mining in food landscapes, end agro-toxic dumping, and resource community-led agroecological transitions. Anything less is complicity in the collapse of the ecosystems we depend on. (136 words)